

# THE QUEBEC CITY SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS:

## Setting the Agenda for Hemispheric Cooperation

In April 2001, the democratic leaders of our hemisphere held their third Summit of the Americas in Quebec City, Canada. Building on the success of prior summits in Miami in 1994 and Santiago, Chile, in 1998, leaders at the Quebec City Summit developed a comprehensive agenda that continues to guide regional cooperation today.

The Quebec City Plan of Action established a framework for action in which leaders pledged to strengthen ties across 18 initiative areas that directly affect people's lives. These initiatives range from increasing economic integration in infrastructure and trade, to working together to support education and health, to increasing regional security. Actions include promoting joint projects, sharing ideas among governments, civil society, and the private sector, and setting policy priorities.

Our governments are now realizing the vision from the Quebec City Summit. On September 11, 2001, the democratic countries of our hemisphere adopted the pioneering Inter-American Democratic Charter. Governments have intensified cooperation in the common fight against drugs and corruption. The list of Summit accomplishments continues to grow.

The United States, for its part, has committed hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of hours to implement the Quebec City Summit agenda. Our goal is to work together with Summit partners to achieve a higher quality of life and greater opportunity for all our people.



From left to right, Prime Minister Basdeo Pandey of Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister Hubert A. Ingraham of the Bahamas, U.S. President George W. Bush, and Prime Minister Owen Seymour Arthur of Barbados during a photo session at the Third Summit of the Americas, April 20-22, 2001, in Quebec City, Canada. (Rick Bowmer, AP/WWP)

### U.S. ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE HEMISPHERE'S AGENDA

The U.S. works actively with other countries to advance the mandates in all 18 initiative areas agreed at the Quebec City Summit Plan of Action:

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| 1. Making Democracy Work Better                         | 10. Agriculture Management and Rural Development |
| 2. Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms                | 11. Labor and Employment                         |
| 3. Justice, Rule of Law, Security of the Individual     | 12. Growth with Equity                           |
| 4. Hemispheric Security                                 | 13. Education                                    |
| 5. Civil Society  | 14. Health                                       |
| 6. Trade, Investment, and Financial Stability           | 15. Gender Equality                              |
| 7. Infrastructure and Regulatory Environment            | 16. Indigenous Peoples                           |
| 8. Disaster Management                                  | 17. Cultural Diversity                           |
| 9. Environmental Foundation for Sustainable Development | 18. Children and Youth                           |